

vote sequencing remain in effect: Coburn Amendment No. 677 (to Amendment No. 684) (listed above); Coburn Amendment No. 682 (to Amendment No. 684) (listed above); Coburn Amendment No. 683 (to Amendment No. 684) (listed above); provided that there be 30 minutes of debate with respect to the bill, equally divided and controlled between Senators Bingaman and Coburn, or their designees, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate proceed as provided for under the order of March 17, 2009, with all other provisions remaining in effect.

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Kagan Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 19, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States; that there be 6 hours of debate with respect to the nomination, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Specter, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By yeas 5 yeas (Vote No. EX. 100), Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James W. Miller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador.

Russlynn Ali, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Carmel Martin, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—103)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3379.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense medical programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Eric B. Shoomaker, USA, Surgeon General of the Army and Commander, Army Medical Command, and Major General Patricia D. Horoho, USA, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, both of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy, and Rear Admiral Christine M. Bruzek-Kohler, USN, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, both of the United States Navy, and Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush, USAF, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, USAF, Assistant Surgeon General of the Air Force, Nursing Services and Medical Force Development, both of the United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

MILITARY SUICIDE PREVENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine incidents of suicides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, after receiving testimony from Senator Cornyn; General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Benjamin C. Freakley, USA, Commanding General, Army Accessions Command, Major General David A. Rubenstein, USA, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, Brigadier General Loree K. Sutton, USA, Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, and